THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, the Minister may please move the Bill, for passing.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Madam, I move:

"That the Bill, as amended, be passed".

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have received a letter from Mr. Ramesh Bias --now that you are here, I welcome you back*(Interruptions)* Safe..*(Interruptions)* and sound.

SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI: Madam, even before you could do it, Dipankar Mukherjee has already done it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, do you want to take up the Indian Power Alcohol (Repeal) Bill, 2000, or, the Chemical Weapons Convention Bill, 2000?

AN HON. MEMBER: We can take both of them together.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Power and alcohol both together! You can imagine what will happen to Mr. Prabhu today.

THE INDIAN POWER ALCOHOL (REPEAL) BILL, 2000

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU) : Madam, I move:

"That the Bill to repeal the Indian Power Alcohol Act, 1948, be taken into consideration. "

The question was proposed.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have got three names -- Shri Ranganath Misra, Shri Kripal Parmar and Dr. Biplab Dasgupta -- with me. I don't see Dr. Biplab Dasgupta here. Do you want to speak, Mr. Ranganath Misra?

SHRI RANGANATH MISRA (Orissa): No.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think if everybody supports it, we can pass it without discussion. We can give both power and alcohol to the Minister.

SHRI SURESH PRABHU: Madam, I would like to inform the House that this Act which is now in force has never been used in the last several years. And the Commission which was appointed to review administrative laws had also recommended that this Act be repealed. Based on this recommendation, the Government has come before the House to seek the repeal of this Act.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now I will put the motion.

The question is:

"That the Bill to repeat the Indian Power Alcohol Act, 1948, be taken into consideration".

The motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause by clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): Madam, I move:

"That the Bill be passed".

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I hope we will do the same in regard to the rest of the Bills; provided the Government does not bring in controversial Bills, I assure you, we will pass them. Now we will take up the Chemical Weapons Convention Bill, 2000. I think, on this Bill also, I have only five names. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee's name is there, Shri Kripal Parmar's name is there, Dr. Biplab Dasgupta is not present, then two more names are there.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE(West Bengal): Madam, this is a technical Bill, in the sense that this Bill was passed by the Rajya Sabha, but it lapsed because the Lok Sabha was dissolved. India is not only a signatory to the Chemical Weapons Convention, but it is also one of the pioneers. This is one piece of disarmament resolution in which India has showed a lot of interest. If the House agrees, though two hours were alloted by the Business Advisory Committee...

AN HON. MEMBER: No; I do not agree with it.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: No, no. We will speak. We can speak. There is no harm in it. Let the Minister move it. We can have a discussion. There is no problem.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We can have a discussion. Those who want to speak can speak.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Let the Minister move the Bill first.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Suresh Prabhu.

THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION BILL, 2000

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): Madam, I move:

> "That the Bill to give effect to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction